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Dear Mrs. Porter,

When speaking to Chip Selby, who did the documentary "Reasonable Doubt" of which I spoke to you, I asked him if he would send you a videocassette you could return to him after viewing. He said he would.

This made me think of something else of which you may have no knowledge, a book I regard as a fine one, "Presumed Guilty." It is by Howard Roffman and has long been out of print. However, I know someone who has a copy he is willing to lend. I will ask him to lend it to you and you can return it after you read it.

I have several purposes in mind, along with what you told me you would like to do. One is to show you that, other than my books, some work along that line has been done. Another is to give you a chance to inform yourself about fact of the case you might not know. And another is so that you can decide for yourself whether or not there are some of us who have no interest in exploiting you.

As you will see, Selby's prize-winning documentary undertakes to show that there is reasonable doubt about Lee's guilt by exploring one of the most basic claims of the Warren Commission and leaving it fairly obvious that the claim is not supported by the evidence.

It has been some time since I read the Roffman book. The title indicates that Lee's guilt was only presumed. My recollection is that it undertakes to show that there was no real basis for that presumption.

The friend who has it is Dr. David Wrone. He is Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He is also coauthor of the only scholarly bibliography on the subject.

I hope Selby thinks to enclose copies of several fine reviews by what I believe are more of less trade publications in the field of documentaries, possibly intended mostly for libraries and other institutions, I'm not sure. He read them to me.

I think that if you familiarize yourself with some of the less-known but more substantial works in the field you will gain a better knowledge of it and see that all do not theorize or conjecture or invent, that some are not the same as those with whom you've had some experience and seek fact and truth only and this in areas that could not involve any explotation of you.

I hope you all have a good holiday season.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg